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OF GOVERNORS

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1. FURTHER TO EXPLANATION OF US POSITION CONTAINED
PARA 3 REF B, EMBASSY MIGHT FIND USEFUL IN ANY FUTURE
DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIANS THE FOLLOWING VERBATIM TEXT
OF PRINCIPAL STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE BY US REP
(AMB. KIRK) AT JUNE 6 BOARD MEETING.

"MR. CHAIRMAN:

MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THE MEANING OF ARTICLE VI.A.1
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OF THE STATUTE IS CLEAR AND UNAMBIGUOUS. THE BOARD IS
OBLIGED TO DESIGNATE ON THE BASIS OF OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL
CRITERIA "THE NINE MEMBERS MOST ADVANCED IN THE TECHNOLOGY
OF ATOMIC ENERGY INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF SOURCE
MATERIALS AND THE MEMBER MOST ADVANCED IN THE TECHNOLOGY
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MATERIALS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS IN WHICH NONE

OF THE AFORESAID NINE" IS LOCATED. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT MEMBERS SO DESIGNATED DO NOT SPEAK FOR, ACT ON BEHALF OF, OR REPRESENT OTHER MEMBER STATES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. WITH REGARD TO AFRICA, THE EVIDENCE PERMITS NO DOUBT THAT SOUTH AFRICA, IN TERMS OF THE RANGE OF ITS NUCLEAR FACILITIES, ITS PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIAL AND THE SIZE OF ITS NATIONAL BUDGET COMMITTED TO NUCLEAR ENERGY, IS BEYOND QUESTION THE MOST ADVANCED COUNTRY. THE STATUTE DOES NOT PROVIDE OTHER CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING OR EXCLUDING COUNTRIES, FOR THE BOARD AND IN THE VIEW OF MY GOVERNMENT IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE STATUTE TO INTRODUCE NON-TECHNICAL CRITERIA WHICH EXCEED THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TO WHICH, AS SIGNATORIES OF THE STATUTE, WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES. FOR THOSE REASONS, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE BOARD HAS NO CHOICE UNDER THE STATUTE BUT TO DESIGNATE SOUTH AFRICA FOR THIS SEAT.

MY GOVERNMENT IS ON RECORD IN THIS AGENCY AND IN MANY OTHER FORA INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS AS BEING TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID. THAT POSITION IS UNCHANGED AND WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY ANY DECISION WE TAKE HERE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE AS A NATION ARE COMMITTED TO THE RULE OF LAW WHICH EXTENDS TO OUR PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE I.A.E.A. WE ARE FACED HERE WITH A CLEAR CASE
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GOVERNED BY TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IN DEVIATING FROM OBJECTIVE CRITERIA AND USING A POLITICAL YARDSTICK, WE PUT THIS ORGANIZATION AT RISK - ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY ARE HARMED WHEN SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AS THE I.A.E.A. STATUTE IS BREACHED BY THE VERY BOARD THAT IS CHARGED WITH LIVING UP TO ITS PROVISIONS.

I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR IN CLOSING THAT OUR POSITION OF COURSE IN NO WAY INDICATES ANY LACK OF RESPECT OR FFIENDSHIP FOR EGYPT, A NATION WITH WHICH WE HAVE THE MOST CORDIAL RELATIONS."

2. COMMENT: SEEMS CLEAR TO US THAT REAL PURPOSE OF EGYPTIAN DEMARCHES IN CAIRO AND IN WASHINGTON IS NOT TO SERIOUSLY ARGUE MERITS OF CASE BUT TO DISCOURAGE US FROM CHALLENGING EGYPTIAN RE-DESIGNATION TO BOARD NEXT YEAR.
END COMMENT. LEAHY

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